



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Hilton Garden Inn Arlington/Courthouse Plaza Arlington, Virginia

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

Hilton Garden Inn

"Upscale, urban hotel with 189 rooms and 1600 square feet of function space."

Green Statement: "We wanted to make a difference in our future and do our part to help the environment."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

☑ This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **Hilton Garden Inn** can expect the following practices:

☑ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, steel cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries
- Track overall waste bills
- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- Use disposable containers made from recycled content
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Filter their grease to prolong usefulness
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper

- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use latex paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have:
 - high efficiency dishwashers
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first) and use microfiber technology mops
- Have an effective stormwater management plan

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Use natural lighting
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Inclusion of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages

For more information on **Hilton Garden Inn Arlington**, see www.arlingtoncourthouse.gardenin.com or contact **Linda Chandler** at Linda.Chandler@hilton.com or **703-807-4852**.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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